

City of Las Vegas Policy to Implement Web Accessibility Standards

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In 1998, Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act to require federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities. Section 508 (29 U.S.C. 794d) was enacted to eliminate, or at least minimize, barriers in information technology, make new opportunities available for people with disabilities, and encourage the development of technologies that will help achieve these goals. The law applies to all federal agencies when they develop, procure, maintain or use electronic and information technology. Under Section 508, federal agencies must provide disabled employees and members of the public with access that is comparable with that access provided to others.

In February 2002, the city of Las Vegas released the third generation Web site to the public. As such, part of the initial design was focused on Section 508 compliance. To date, the city has succeeded in completing about 80% of the functionality required to be Section 508 compliant.

Below is a list of online services or features that are not currently Section 508 compliant:

ArcIMS

Mapping Facility

Streaming Video

Video on Demand

Some PDF files are graphic images, not created from text files.

As part of the evolution of the city's Web site, we will continue to focus on Section 508 compliance. As each of the above components are replaced or re-engineered, it is our intent to have those services or features Section 508 compliant.

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